Weekly Status and Information Report: Week of August 22, 2005

1. **Tenant Opportunity to Purchase (Ward 6)**: The Hampshire Towers Tenants' Association officially registered with the City on Tuesday, August 23. The Association is meeting weekly to discuss their interest in purchasing the property. There is currently a third party contract on the property, so the tenants now have 120 days to submit a matching contract. (Housing and Community Development)

Vehicular Directional Signage (City Wide): The Gateway Wayfinding workgroup met on Wednesday, August 24 to review the design changes proposed by the City Council for the vehicular directional signs and to develop a strategy for approaching the State Highway Administration for required waivers. It appears at this point in time that waivers will be requested for a reduction in the size of the fonts used on the proposed signs, the type and placement of the preferred arrows and the lines of text included on the sign face. A meeting with SHA staff is anticipated in late September or early October. Members of the workgroup have agreed to submit letters of support for the required waivers and have volunteered to meet with SHA when the request is submitted. The revised directional signs can be viewed on the attached PDF file. (Housing and Community Development)

Carroll Avenue (Ward 1 & 3): Carroll Avenue is almost at Phase II, which will include lamp bases, 7118 and 7133 Carroll, and finishing concrete work to prepare for the installation of the walls and sidewalk art. (Housing and Community Development)

Transit Center (Ward 6): HCD Staff attended a Takoma/Langley Park Transit Station project team meeting on Monday, August 22. The proposed transit station will be located on the northwest corner of the intersection of University Boulevard and New Hampshire Avenue in Prince George's County. The project will be funded by the State of Maryland, Prince George's County and Montgomery County. As of the meeting, Montgomery County had yet to send a letter of intended support. The Maryland Transit Administration plans to hold one community meeting and one public meeting this fall. Proposed construction start date is October 2006. (Housing and Economic Development)

Community Legacy Program Grant Application (City Wide): On Thursday, August 25, HCD Staff attended an informational meeting on the Community Legacy program, hosted by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Department. The City has been encouraged to re-submit last year's application for funding to assist tenants in the purchase of their rental facilities. Applications are due November 1. Additional information will be provided to the Council following further review of the requirements of the program. (Housing and Community Development)



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